



**Council Member Motion  
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 12, 2020**

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**Date:** March 2, 2020

**From:** Councillor Ben Isitt and Councillor Jeremy Loveday

**Subject:** Endorsement of Universal Public National Pharmacare Program

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**Background:**

Council has previously gone on record favouring the introduction of a national public Pharmacare program, to improve access and reduce the costs of medicine to individuals, families and health authorities.

In February 2020, Council received correspondence from the City of Port Moody regarding a resolution adopted by Port Moody calling on the Federal Government to work with the provinces and territories to develop and implement a Universal Public National Pharmacare program as one of its first orders of business after the 2019 election.

It is recommended that Council reiterate its support for this policy, and provide direction to staff to communicate this support to the Government of Canada.

**Recommendation:**

That Council:

1. Endorses the resolution from the City of Port Moody calling on the Federal Government to work with the provinces and territories to develop and implement a Universal Public National Pharmacare program as one of its first orders of business.
2. Directs staff to communicate this endorsement to the Prime Minister of Canada and the federal Minister of Health, with copies forwarded to the Provincial Minister of Health, the Premier of British Columbia and the Mayor and Council of the City of Port Moody.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Isitt".

Councillor Isitt

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Loveday".

Councillor Loveday

**Attachments:**

1. Letter from the City of Port Moody, February 4, 2020
2. Letter from Canadian Doctors for Medicare, 2015
3. Report to City Council, 2015